Sanction for rake points

442. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would sanction full rake points in Reeva and Neemuch and half rake point at Niwari;

(b) if so, by when the same will be sanctioned; and

(c) specific date for sanctioning the above rake points?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Traffic demand does not justify opening of full rake points at Rewa, Neemuch and half rake point at Niwari. Hence there is no proposal to set up rake points at these stations.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Supply of sub-standard/underweight foodstuff to Railways passengers

443. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any surprise checks are conducted on the supply of foodstuffs supplied to the passengers by private catering vendors on railway platforms.;

(b) whether it is a fact that sub-standard/underweight foodstuff is supplied to the passengers;

(c) whether these activities of the vendors are overlooked/done in connivance with the Inspectors;

(d) whether Government has laid down mandatory provisions for the vendors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Surprise checks are being conducted by Commercial and Health Officials to ensure that the quality of eatables and beverages is as per the prescribed standards. Samples of food and beverages are checked regularly to ensure quality under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.